

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 27-36 and 37-38 will be pending; claims 37-38 are being examined on the merits; and claims 27-35 have been withdrawn.

Claims 27, 37 and 38 have been amended as per the Examiner's suggestion; and specification was amended to recite sequence id numbers. Regarding the amendment to the specification, the originally filed paragraph on pages 48-49 contained underlining, which is thus reproduced in the amended replacement paragraph; newly added text showing SEQ ID NOs is underlined as required by Rule 1.121. No new matter was added.

Request for Rejoinder

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method claims 27-35. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04, Applicants have amended claim 27 to correspond to the scope of claim 37.

Objection to the Specification

The specification (at page 47) was objected to for disclosing nucleotide sequences without identifying numbers. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested in view of the present amendment.

Rejection under 35 USC Section 112, 1st par.

Claims 37-39 stand rejected for lack of written description on the ground that the term "truncated" in "truncated murine Fuc-TVII enzyme" raises new matter issues. In the Amendment and Response filed November 25, 2008, Applicants have referred to support in the specification. However, to expedite prosecution and in view of the Examiner's helpful suggestion for overcoming the rejection, claims 37-38 (and withdrawn claim 27) were amended accordingly. The claims now recite "recombinant murine Fuc-TVII enzyme."

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggestion and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. An action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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